



Celebrating 156 Years 1868 - 2024

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Daylight Saving Time

By the time most of you read this upon your arrival in worship, you will already have moved your clocks forward an hour (otherwise, you missed worship this morning, arriving an hour late). These days, we use our phones for clocks that change automatically, but I still like to make the moving of that hour a kind of spiritual discipline. In a moment, I watch an hour of my life "flash before my eyes," and like the Ash Wednesday, I think about how fleeting my life is. Moses wrote in Psalm 90, *"You turn us back to dust and say 'Turn back, you mortals'. For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers."* Recognizing how quickly time and life passes should help us live more in the present moment and be more careful about how we use our time.

St. Patrick's Day

This week, St. Patrick's Day rolls around again. The day falls on Sunday, but the celebration will be held on Saturday. It is always a big day in Savannah and here at Wesley. **As many of you know, our youth offer a St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. We still need donations of pre-cooked bacon and orange juice for the breakfast. If you would like to donate, please visit our SignUp Genius link at bit.ly/WMPancakeBreakfast. All donations must be dropped off at the church no later than this Tuesday, March 12.

Men's Breakfast, Tuesday 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Some of you may know we have a long-running weekly Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study at a local restaurant. We also previously had a United Methodist Men's dinner once a month, but it was dropped during COVID and never restarted. This Tuesday, March 12, we want to combine those two events and have a Men's Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. It will include a Bible study time led by Ben. Email bakerj@wesleymonumental.org or call the church office if you want to attend so we will know how much breakfast to prepare. The cost of the breakfast is \$5 per person, and the study will end by 8:00 a.m. We hope to continue this on the 2nd Tuesday morning of each month.

Ben

MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Martin

*Welcome to worship. Thank you for joining us. **Please remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from flash photography during the service.** We pray this hour will be a meaningful and grace-filled encounter with God through music, word, and fellowship. If needed, hearing devices and large print hymnals are available in the Narthex.*

Nursery & Children's Worship: *If needed, the nursery for infants to 3 years old is located on the first floor, and Children's Worship for ages 3 to 3rd grade is located on the second floor.*

Chiming of the Hour (11:00)

Branan Parsons

Lighting of the Candles (11:00)

The Acolytes

Introit (11:00)

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Claire Watts, mezzo-soprano

* **Hymn No. 159** Lift High the Cross CRUCIFER

* **Affirmation of Faith** The Apostles' Creed Nelle Bordeaux

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit;
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

* **Gloria Patri** GREATOR EX

(Dismissal for Children's Worship)

8:45 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade line up at the door on the right side of the sanctuary to go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up on the second floor.

11:00 Children ages 3 - 3rd grade leave through the doors at the front of the sanctuary and go to Children's Worship on the second floor. Following the service, they can be picked up from the Fellowship Hall.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Baptismal Covenant (8:45)

Barbara Elizabeth Willis
daughter of Jade and Braden Willis

Congregational Response:

With love and thanksgiving we welcome Bonnie as a member of God's family and Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church. By God's grace we will do all in our power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love that she may grow into a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ who walks in the way that leads to life.

Pastoral Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

* **Scripture Lesson** (Pew Bible, NT pgs. 50-51)

Mark 13:1-37

Sermon

“Back to Basics Part 28: Keep Awake”

Ben Martin

Holy Communion

Invitation and Confession

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

All: Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law,
we have rebelled against Your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Pastor: Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
That proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Nelle Bordeaux

Offertory Voluntary (8:45)

F. Chopin

“Raindrop” Prelude, Op. 28, No. 15

Offertory Anthem (11:00)

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:
Cujus latus perforatum, Unde fluxit sanguine.
Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine:
O Dulcis, O pie, O Jesu fili Mariae,
miserere mei. Amen.

- 13th century chant

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary.
Truly suffering, was sacrificed on the cross for all,
From whose pierced side flowed blood,
Be for us a foretaste in the final judgment.
O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary,
Have mercy on me. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

During the 11:00 a.m. service, please remove the attendance sheets from the book and give to the acolytes as a symbolic offering of our presence in worship.

To tithe, text wesleymunc to 77977 or place your offering in the offering plate. Online giving is also available on our website.

* **Doxology** No. 95

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

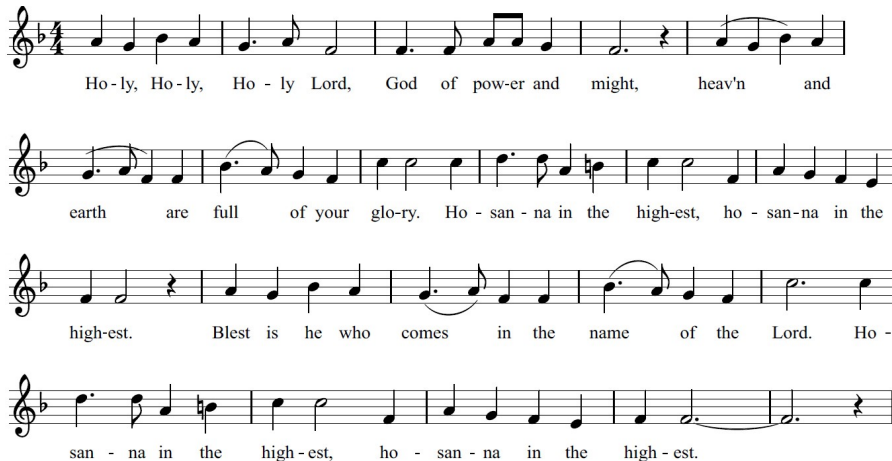
Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to our Lord and God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth...

And so, with Your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the
high-est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ...

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

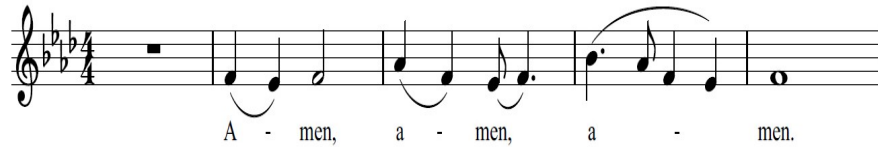


Christ has died; Christ is ri - sen; Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
That we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by His blood.

By Your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at His heavenly banquet.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church,
All honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory; For ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

(Gluten free bread is available. Please indicate your preference by raising your hand.)

Giving the Bread and Cup

We will take communion at the rail. Today's communion offering is designated for Wesley Glen Ministries. If you would like to give a donation, please place your offering in the chancel rail when you come to be served.

Communion Music (11:00)

How Can I Keep from Singing arr. Karen Thomas

Prayer After Receiving

All: Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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| * | Hymn No. 700 | Abide with Me
Stanzas One and Five | EVENTIDE |
| * | Benediction | | Ben Martin |
| | Closing Response (11:00) | The Peace of God | John Rutter |
| | Closing Voluntary | Fugue in C Minor, BWV 575 | J. S. Bach |

- * *Please stand as you are able.*
Following the service, please take your bulletins, masks, and all belongings with you.
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Altar Flowers

The flowers by the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our son, Rhett Morgan Rountree, by Gail and Mickey Rountree.

Usher Roses

The roses worn by the ushers today are given in loving memory of Bob Farrow by his children and grandchildren.

Grocery Item Needed This Week is canned meat, such as Vienna sausages.

Bible Studies

- Young Mothers' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. on the second floor of Oliver Hall, room 210 (dining room); the Bible Buddies nursery meets next door in room 207 (barrel-vault room). Currently studying "Women in the Bible." This week's lesson will be about "Three Women Healed by Jesus," Matthew 8:14, 15; 9:20-22; Mark 1:30, 31; 5:25-34; Luke 4:36-39; 8:43-48; 13:11-13.
- Thursday Noon Bible Study meets Thursdays from noon to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. Currently studying Amos 6 and 7. Questions or to sign up, please email Nelle at tbordeaux@prodigy.net

Merry Makers

Will meet Monday, March 11, at 11:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall. Melissa Emery will present the program about her recent trip to Panama and Colombia. Lunch (\$7) will be served.

Mission Committee

Will meet in Oliver Hall Room 205 this Tuesday, March 12.

New Member Course

Sundays, March 17 and 24 at 10:00 a.m. in Oliver Hall Room 205; nursery provided. Class will join as a group on March 24. Call the church office to sign up.

Lilies for Easter Sunday

Please place your orders for plants in memory or in honor of loved ones by Sunday, March 24. The cost is \$15.50 per plant and order forms (with online link and payment details) may be found at all sanctuary entrances.

Family Give Back Hours



Many thanks to everyone who responded so enthusiastically to our "Family Give Back Hours" campaign. There are still weeks where help is needed. Please scan the QR code to sign up for a week that fits your schedule.

Humans v. Zombies!

The youth will be playing Humans v. Zombies this evening, Sunday, March 10. Our students look forward to this event each semester. All 6th-12th grade students are invited to attend!

**CoCreation Weekend Retreat
April 12-14 at Wesley Gardens**

If you've been attending weekly spiritual practices or meaning to, this is the perfect opportunity to jump in. Meals will be provided, and we'll start with a dinner on Friday evening and end around 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. Staying overnight at Wesley Gardens is optional, or you can go home and return each day. The cost is \$100 per person, and the retreat will be limited to 15 people. If interested, please email Christian at Christian@cocreationlife.com or visit www.wesleymonumental.org/retreats/

Who Needs Disney World?

Have a staycation and sack canned goods during spring break. Please speak with Nelle if you and your children want to help sack groceries during spring break. Flexible schedule.

A Record of Our Faithfulness

Sunday Attendance: (03/03/24)

8:45 AM Worship	92	Nursery	12
11:00 AM Worship	309	Children's Worship	57
Online Worship Views	142	Sunday School	157
Total Worship	543		

Finances: (03-03-24)

Total Budget for the Year.....	\$2,126,355.46
Actual Revenues Year-to-Date.....	\$454,308.79
Actual Expenses Year-to-Date	\$402,101.66

Assisting in Worship Today - 8:45 Service

Children's Worship: Charli Weeks

Communion Stewards: Art McGowen, Byron Boyd

Greeters: Linda Butler, Pat Killewald **Offering Steward:** David Butler

Partners in Prayer: Carmine Cowart

11:00 Service

Acolytes: Couper Howard, Ansley Cheshire

Children's Worship: Laura Blake, Laura Harris, Katie Knight, Sarah Labrot, Meghan Scoggins, Ashley Wanager, Olivia Wanager

Communion Stewards: Shayna Stancil-Wier, Allen Wier, Gilmore MacGregor

Sunday School: Elizabeth Cobb, Donessa Gattis, Laura Harris, Lindsey Wiggins

Greeters: Barbara & Johnny Phelps **Offering Steward:** Brian West

Ushers: Brian West, Jesse Bentley, David Blake, Tom Bordeaux, Fred Bozeman, Chandler Brannen, Doug Carroll, Christopher Cay

Partners in Prayer: Gaye Holt

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Sermon Extended

Monday	Mark 13:1-13	Do you think we are living in the “end times”? Why or Why not?
Tuesday	Mark 13:14-27	Do you think Jesus was talking about events that were about to happen or some cataclysmic end of everything?
Wednesday	Mark 13:28-31	It would appear here that what Jesus said didn’t happen. What about his words are eternal and are truth forever?
Thursday	Mark 13:32-37	What causes spiritual “complacency” in our lives?
Friday	Mark 13:32-37	How can I “keep awake” spiritually?

Sermon Notes

This Week at Wesley

****Visit wesleymonumental.org/events/ to view the calendar online.****

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Saving Time Starts

- 8:45 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 9:30 AM Coffee & Refreshments, FH
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, FH & OH
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class, OH 205
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, SNC
- 12:15 PM Susanna Wesley Lunch, OH Parlor
- 4:00 PM Spiritual Practices, WGR
- 4:00 PM Youth Choir, Choir Loft
- 5:00 PM Youth Group, FH & OH

Monday, March 11

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
- 9:30 AM Eli's Place Chapel
- 11:00 AM Merry Makers, OH Parlor
- 6:00 PM Trombone Choir Rehearsal, SNC

Tuesday, March 12

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study, FH
- 9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
- 9:00 AM Young Mothers' Bible Study, OH 210
- 9:00 AM Bible Buddies, OH 207
- 11:00 AM Staff Mtg, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Mission Comm. Mtg, OH 205

Wednesday, March 13

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
- 11:00 AM Bible Study w/Ben, OH 205
- 4:45 PM Call to Prayer, OH Parlor
- 5:30 PM Dinner, Mickve Israel
- 6:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir, FH
- 6:00 PM Children's Choir, OH
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Studies, OH
- 6:00 PM Exodus Bible Study, Led by Ben, Mickve Israel
- 6:00 PM Surrender to Love Study, Led by Christian, OH 205
- 6:00 PM Women's Small Group, Led by Katie, OH Parlor
- 7:15 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal, FH

Thursday, March 14

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
- 12:00 PM Bible Study w/Nelle, Zoom

Friday, March 15

- 9:00 AM Eli's Place, FH & OH
- 6:00 PM Youth Lock-In, FH

Saturday, March 16

- 7:00 AM Pancake Breakfast, FH

OH = Oliver Hall	EB = Education Building
SNC = Sanctuary	FH = Fellowship Hall
WGR = Wesley Gardens Retreat	

Pastors on Call This Week

All days except Wednesdays
Ben Martin912-547-1835
Wednesdays
Nelle Bordeaux912-234-9245

Wednesday Night Supper

March 13, 2024

Menu: Lemon Chicken

In Our Prayers....

Wayne Thomas, Family of Logan Spencer (friend of Charles Stewart), John Martin Sr., Jim Coakley (brother of Jake Coakley), Freda Hale (mother of Carolyn Hale Cubbedge), Janice Wintzer (mother of Dana Barnwell), Rachel Spence, Jan Pullin, Rosemary Beasley, Becky Fazzini (sister of Debra Ellis), Dean Muenckler, Evonne Mobley, Julia Holliday, Stanley Butler (brother of David Butler), Ann Lytle, Emily Davis, Emery Warnock, Danielle Robertson, Camille Searcy, Roger Lemay, Jason Horton, Kevin Wilson, Archie Davis, Ella Ealy (granddaughter of Carolyn Roth), Adam Corey, Saddle Kurtz (aunt of Dan Kurtz), Dolly Caylor (mother of Rhonda Radcliff), Sharon and Terry Knepper (parents of Holly Conger), Karen Nickles, Will Weeks, Lindsey Goldberg, Pat Monahan, Mary Hohnerlein (friend of Ken and Deanne Rimes), Byron Rogers, John Birkheimer, Eleanor McCurry, Connie Kurtz (mother of Dan Kurtz), Ken Brownfield, Oscar Cook, Doris Rothenberger (mother of Susan Colgrove), Suzette Parker, Tim Mooney, Jane Bostwick (mother of Meb Ryan), Walter Thomas (brother of Mark Thomas), Alyssa Jones (granddaughter of Rusty Holt), Ryan Davis, Martha Sloan, Fenton McEvoy

At Home/Extended Care

Bella Grace Bartels, Pat Beasley, Harriet Bland, Olin Bockes, David Chow, Roz Evans, Bob Harman, Marilyn Holleman, Sandrae McCorkle, Toni Olds, Edith Roszkowiak, Elton Stuenckel, Mark Thomas, Cindy Telljohann, Lois Wooten

Military Serving Abroad/Stateside

Blake Bazemore, Daniel Ealy, Michael Sailors, Dajuan Monley, Jason Childers, Yates Holleman, Chris Watson

In Sympathy....

The Cooper Family
on the death of *Barbara Martin*,
mother of Wendy Cooper